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Resolution

Commending Carolyn Brunson for her service to the Healthcare Authority of Elba, Alabama, Inc. doing business as Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home for the past 33 years.

Whereas her devotion and guidance to the facility throughout the years has provided excellent healthcare to our community and

Whereas since 1974 she has unselfishly devoted her time and expertise to her community's health needs and

Whereas Mrs. Brunson has exhibited a spirit of friendship and earned the respect and trust with whom she is associated; now therefore

Be it resolved by the Healthcare Authority Board of Directors of Elba, Alabama, that Carolyn Brunson is to be honored and recognized for her service to this Board and the community and a copy of this resolution shall be provided to her in sincere thanks and admiration.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Healthcare Authority of Elba, Alabama, Inc. on this day of March 13, 2007.

Ellen Briley, Administrator

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that borders Zion Chapel Schools to the Coffee County School System.

"I think our problems for the future have been solved," she said.

Receiving a huge ovation from the crowd, Dr. Dyess said he wants to see the school continue to grow. After speaking with his family and after much prayer, he said he decided the "right thing to do" would be to donate the land.

"Zion Chapel will forever be in your debt," Hartwell said to Dyess. "We thank you."

Following the announcement, students and parents were able to meet with teachers during Open House. Also during this time, everyone was invited to tour the new building while a reception was held.

Don't forget to:



Britley Parker and daughter Kinley tour the new building at Zion Chapel Monday evening during Open House. They are shown above with school nurse Virginia McLeod in her new office.

TOWN

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previous meeting where other employees received a raise.

The council voted to borrow \$20,000 from The Peoples Bank of Coffee County. This 90-day loan will help the town with operating funds.

The council also voted to accept a low bid of \$25,000 from Danny's Dozer for another round of the demolition grant. In regards to a tree cutting project on six roads in the town, the low bid of \$4,000 was awarded to CSE, LLC.

Prior to adjourning, council

member Jeff White expressed his thanks to the police department, fire department and other volunteers that respond to incidents. He said these people often do not know what kind of situation they are walking into, and he wanted to thank them for everything they do. All council members agreed with White and echoed his remarks.

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 3 (town offices will be closed), the September town council meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 10.

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ABC agents raid open house party in Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Enforcement agents with the ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) Board busted an open house party last weekend in Elba that resulted in several arrests.

ABC agents responded to a residence on Hickman Avenue in Elba on suspicion of an open house party with juveniles in attendance. According to ABC enforcement agent Sgt. Randy Eiland, the party reportedly began Friday evening, Aug. 10, and officers arrived on scene shortly after midnight (Saturday, Aug. 11).

Eiland said ABC agents did request the Elba Police Department to make an appearance on scene, but the investigation belonged strictly to the ABC Board.

Sgt. Eiland said the incident

involved adult minors (age 18 but not 21), juveniles, adult parents and an adult subsequently involved though not directly with the party. In all, he said he expects a total of nine adult arrests (those age 18 and above) with various charges including minors in possession of alcohol, minors in consumption of alcohol, obstruction of governmental operations and open house party arrests.

In regards to the juveniles (those under age 18), Sgt. Eiland said petitions were obtained on a total of 17 juveniles.

"This is a public safety issue," said Eiland. "People are killed in accidents every day, and the presence of alcohol increases the chances."

In regards to last weekend's incident, Sgt. Eiland said parents were able to pick their chil-

dren up safe and unharmed. Often times, he said parents have to go to accident scenes and/or hospitals or worse.

"Too many times, we bury kids that left parties thinking they were 'bulletproof,'" Eiland said.

According to Sgt. Eiland, one female juvenile was transported from the scene of last weekend's open house party by ambulance to Elba General Hospital for alcohol-related medical problems. She reportedly stayed overnight at the hospital for treatment.

On Tuesday of this week, Sgt. Eiland said officials had made most of the arrests of adults involved. He said those charged will have a court date with proceedings beginning in district court.

As for the petitioned juveniles, Sgt. Eiland said the juvenile court and probation officers will discuss these cases and make a determination of what to do.

Sgt. Eiland said the investigation into this incident remains open and continues through the ABC Board.

For second consecutive year

Elba City Schools achieve 100 percent on AYP goals

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

Students once again began filling the halls Thursday, Aug. 9, of Elba Elementary and Elba High schools, and according to Superintendent Danny Weeks, there are many accomplishments to be proud of at both schools.

"Over the summer many projects took place on the buildings and grounds and many staff members worked diligently to accomplish these tasks," said Weeks.

Also, Weeks said for the second consecutive year both schools meet AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) standards set by the State of Alabama Board of Education.

"Elba City Schools met 17 out of 17 goals on AYP to achieve a 100 percent success rate. This is the second year we have achieved this goal," said Weeks. "We also increased our graduation rate by 16 percent and our attendance rate is above 96 percent."

Weeks said another achievement of Elba City Schools was the 100 percent passing rate on the Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE).

"Also for the second year in a row, 100 percent of our senior class passed the graduation exam," he said. "This is due to the hard work of our faculty and staff."

He added that the school sys-

Cemetery marked by vandals

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Vandals left their mark on the Old Town and Teel cemeteries in rural Coffee County in early July as several headstones were damaged.

The vandalism reportedly occurred sometime around July 4th at the cemeteries, which are located in a secluded area off County Rd. 456 south of the Perry's Store community.

Upon discovery of the damage, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department began an investigation, and Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth said authorities now believe they have identified those responsible for the vandalism.

Whitworth said a group of minors are believed to be responsible, and some have admitted to their involvement. He said the sheriff's department is working with the families of those involved to repair the damage caused at the Old Town and Teel cemeteries.

At least 25 headstones were damaged either by being turned



Several headstones at the Old Town and Teel cemeteries in rural Coffee County were damaged in early July during a case of vandalism. The Coffee County Sheriff's Department continues to work on this case and reportedly has identified those responsible. Additional photos of the damage are on Page 11 of today's paper.

over, broken or both. Also there were wooden crosses marking 10-15 unknown graves that were pulled from the ground.



Students in Michelle Grimes' fifth grade class at Elba Elementary School are shown hard-at-work earlier this week. Students returned to class last Thursday, Aug. 9, and have seemingly had no trouble getting back into the routine of learning. The students are shown at work with the school's Reading First program. Elba Elementary is a model site for the program, and this past summer representatives of the school made a presentation on the program during a conference in St. Louis, Missouri. The school was asked by the U.S. Department of Education to make the presentation.

tem has received many telephone calls from other systems wanting to know how Elba has achieved this.

Superintendent Weeks said Elba Elementary School is a model site for the Alabama Reading First program and is nationally known for its reading program. This summer, Elba Elementary was asked by the U.S. Department of Education to make a presentation at a conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

"Our success academically over the past two years is tremendous," said Weeks. "Both schools meeting AYP by achiev-

ing 100 percent of the goals required by the State is a credit to the staff of both schools. I would also like to stress that we are one of only four schools in the State of Alabama to score 100 percent on the graduation exam."

Both Elba Elementary School Principal Lakesha Brackins and Elba High School Principal Shane Casey reinforced the points made by Weeks.

"We are definitely proud of our scores on AYP and the graduation exam," said Casey. "It truly shows that we are off to a good start."

Casey said the new school year has been off to a really good start and said the new dress code policy is being enforced. Principal Casey praised the students for abiding by it.

"With the new dress code in place our students look neat and professional each day when they come to school," said Casey. "Also, we have had no problems with our new tardy policy and we are very proud of both."

When asked about the new

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Join the Coffee County EMS Team

Todd Teachnor joined the Coffee County EMS team approximately one year ago. He serves as an EMT-Basic.

Teachnor's training includes CPR-BLS.

When asked what he enjoys most about his job he said, "helping people in their time of need."

Teachnor's most memorable experience on the job came when he helped someone that had been involved in a serious automobile accident.

He is also employed by Opportunity EMS.

Todd said his family lives out of state, and he spends time with his friends. In his spare time he enjoys scuba diving, paramedic school and going to the gym.



EMT-Basic Todd Teachnor

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Elba man arrested in Covington County on drug related charges

Courtesy the
Andalusia Star News

Hours of searching for ingredients, soaking, drying, mixing, cooking and drying some more; these are the tedious steps necessary to produce 300 ml of meth oil which represents approximately 2.5 grams of finished methamphetamine with a street value of around \$250. Some may consider that a pretty good return on their investment of time and money, but probably not Tommy Joel Hughes of Andalusia and Randy Kevin Hobbs of Elba who were arrested by the Covington County Drug Task Force late Monday afternoon when they were caught with a meth lab in operation on County Road 70 near Sasser's Crossroads. Hughes, 47, was booked into the Covington County Jail and held under a \$570,000 bond on the charges of manufacturing a controlled substance, drug trafficking, possession of marijuana I and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hobbs, 28, was charged with manufacturing a controlled substance II for his role in the process and held under a \$200,000 bond.

Agent Ray Dixon with the DTF said that this was the second meth lab that he and fellow officers have shut down in a

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Area Happenings

COFFEE COUNTY ELBA TIGERS will have their preseason football practice on Thursday, Aug. 16, at 6:00 p.m. at City Park in Elba. The team will discuss strategy and techniques for the season. The team will be coached by Coach Mike Hester.

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EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

Alabama State Troopers are out in force this week in an effort to make Alabama highways safer. Thus far we have had no outpouring of complaints about "unfair treatment" from traffic violators. Maybe the word is out and drivers are trying to follow the rules and avoid the tickets. The extra troopers are those during a normal work day are holding desk jobs, etc., but are still certified officers. This is a move we support 110%! In fact long time readers of this column can probably remember suggestions that all state troopers, regardless of rank and/or position, be required to work the roads a certain amount of hours each month. That would serve several purposes. First it would keep more officers on the roads, protecting the driving public. Secondly it would keep these officers proficient in their law enforcement duties. It would also give these management types first hand, current knowledge of exactly what is happening "out there".

Every few weeks or months the news headlines from around the state are about some unlucky (or many would say lucky) group of teens being arrested for attending underage drinking parties. We shake our heads about "those folks" and the troubles they are into. Well this week is isn't those folks, it is "our folks". Alabama ABC agents report breaking up such a party last Friday night and ticketing lots of folks and jailing a few. There are reports that others avoided arrest by running into the woods behind the barn. No one likes to see their family or friends caught up in illegal actions, but as one law enforcement officer said this week, "It is much better for a parent to get a call to come to the county jail and get their child than to get a call from the hospital, or horror of horrors... the funeral home".

The woods are full of "wantabe" candidates for U. S. President. Some have already dropped out of the race, having seen the handwriting on the wall and/or the necessary campaign donations just were not coming into the campaign headquarters. There are others who are overdue to get that message. However, we don't join with the group demanding Romney drop out (or be kicked out) because of his religion. Gosh he is a Mormon! While we may not vote for this man, his choice of religion does not frighten this country boy. We heard the same kind of talk when John F. Kennedy first ran for president, but voted for him anyway. We disliked his two brothers, Bobby and Ted, but not because of their religious beliefs. Romney and other main stream Mormons do not support plural marriages, they support the U. S. Constitution. The real dedicated Mormons we have known personally were all class act citizens, people with moral standards we would all admire.

The entire U. S. is going through a record heat wave during August. Records are being broken that were set over a hundred years ago. All this is putting a strain on electric power generating facilities as people crank up the old air conditioners in an effort to fight off the oppressive heat. We urge our readers to not try to be superman and attempt to defy the heat. Accept that it is hot, stay out of the hot sun as much as possible and consume lots and lots of liquids when you must be out in the hottest parts of the day.

BULLETIN BOARD

- ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST A.R.M.S. addiction recovery ministry services - Thurs., 7 p.m. - 1st Baptist Church, Call 565-9707 or visit the website: www.abusingsub.com
- ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - 1st Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5037 for more information
- SOCIAL SECURITY REP COURTHOUSE: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-775-1213
- ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall
- WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall
- ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Magic Carpet Classroom
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Center
- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office
- AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- MASONIC LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. -
- BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School
- VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 9-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
- COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po Folks, Elberton
- ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 5 PM, the FBO office at the Airport
- AAAP meets every 2nd Tuesday night of the month
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High Boys locker room
- NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- ELBA ESTATE PLANNING - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 6, 2007, investigated the following incidents: eight for criminal mischief, five for theft of property, two for domestic violence, three for burglary, one for unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, four for harassment and one for assault. The following arrests were made: one for harassment. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for violation of the seat belt law, five for speeding, one for no insurance, two for violation of the noise ordinance, one for no driver's license, one for a suspended driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, AUGUST 6 - Three-vehicle accident reported at Hwy. 84 E and Reddoch Hill Rd. (2:09 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 706 Newton St. (3:50 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 903 Carver Dr. (6:13 p.m.); Disturbance (crowd) reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (8:22 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7 - Domestic disturbance reported on County Rd. 368 (1:59 a.m.); Vehicle burglary reported at Family Dollar (3:10 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 866 Cedar Lane Dr. (8:49 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Whitman Apts on Claxton Ave. (10:21 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 977 Carver Dr. (11:02 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 - Prowl reported at 108 Cordelia (1:13 a.m.); Burglary

reported at 560 Adkinson Ave. (8:05 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1242 Jones Circle (4:54 p.m.); Burglary reported at Mulberry Church of Christ (6:36 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 16107 Hwy. 167 (10:30 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9 - Prowl reported at 617 Mullins Circle (3:48 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1068 N. Morrow St. (12:36 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (8:12 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10 - Domestic disturbance reported at the Local Cash Advance on Claxton Ave. (1:23 p.m.); Firing of a weapon reported in the area of Powell's Trailer Court and Jackson St. (10:48 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 215 Plant Ave. (11:49 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 215 Plant Ave. (11:49 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2260 Hickman Ave. (12:26 a.m.); Burglary reported at 715 Roosevelt Dr. (8:33 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 62 County Rd. 418 (10:09 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported in the middle of the road on Reynolds St. (8:00 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported in the area of Reynolds St. and Martin Luther King Dr. (9:01 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12 - Disturbance reported on Jackson St. (3:24 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a (shed) fire next to 1524 Stouemire St. (6:37 p.m.).

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Obituaries

Dear Linda,

I would like to personally thank you and Mr. Ferrin for the positive publicity The Elba Clipper provides for the Coffee County school system. I was most appreciative of the coverage you gave to the recent announcement of the wonderful gift of land that Dr. Lance Dyess and his family made to the Zion Chapel schools as well as the beautiful new multi-purpose facility at Zion Chapel.

My purpose for writing is to clarify for your readers why Kinston school did not meet their Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

During my brief tenure on the Coffee County Board of Education I have become well acquainted with the requirements imposed on our public schools by the federal government through NCLB. While the goal of this Act is admirable many of the requirements lack common sense as is often the case when the federal government makes mandates in an attempt to resolve a problem.

Kinston School was cited for failing to meet the high school graduation rate criteria as set forth in the NCLB Act. This was despite Kinston having the highest graduation rate in our system. Here are the facts regarding Kinston's graduation rate. In the class of 2006 under the NCLB figures Kinston had a total of 28 students that should have graduated. Of those 28 four did not finish high school. One student joined the U.S. Marines prior to graduation; one obtained a GED and went on to attend college; one did completely drop out of

school year, EES Principal LaKeshia Brackins said Elba Elementary also is off to a great start.

"Our wonderful start to the school year can be attributed to AYP progress in our reading and math," said Brackins.

She said the reading program has once again began, and everyone is excited about the new year.

Brackins also said one of the new staff members is School Resource Officer Dean Blair.

"He is a great addition for our security at both schools, and we enjoy having him as a staff member," she said.

Principal Brackins added that DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators Basic Early Literacy Success) testing will begin next Monday, and everyone is looking forward to it.

She also wanted to let all parents know that PTO Open House will be held Monday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m.

"All parents can visit our school and see how their kids are doing," Brackins said.

Another exciting event that will be held at Elba Elementary is Grandparent's Day. This will be held on September 11.

All three administrators

Late registration at EOCC begins Friday, Aug. 17th

There's not much time left before fall semester begins on August 17 at Enterprise-Ozark Community College.

Regular registration is open through August 16 for the full-term and first mini-term. Late registration begins August 17 and extends through August 21.

For more information about being admitted to the College or how to register for classes, go online at www.eocc.edu or call the Enterprise Campus at (334) 347-2623, the Aviation Campus at Ozark at (334) 774-5113, or the Fort Rucker Site at (334) 598-3438.

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Kinston is an outstanding school that is second to none. The failure to meet the unrealistic AYP standards in no way reflects the quality of education the students at Kinston receive. We have an outstanding faculty, administration and student body at Kinston. The parental and community support at Kinston have always been strong. The people of Kinston are proud of their school and rightfully so. They have every reason to be proud. I know I am.

Galen L. McWaters
Elba, AL
Member, Coffee County Board of Education District 3

Dear Media,

Each year when the new school year begins, Girl Scouts of South Central AL, Inc. also begins recruitment for our upcoming year. I contact each school and ask if we can hold a registration night for parents and girls to come out and ask questions and sign up for scouts.

We distribute flyers to the schools to send home with all girls; sometimes these flyers make it home, other times they don't.

I am asking you for assistance in getting the word out to the community.

Some points of interest include:

• Over 2.7 million girls enrolled in Girl Scouts last year

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LIFESTYLES

Coffee County Story Telling Club to hold first meeting August 20th

The Coffee County Story Telling Club will have their first meeting of the school year on Monday, August 20, 2007. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton, AL. All 4-H members and anyone ages 9 years-100 years are invited to become a member. There is no charge.

Anyone interested in learning more about storytelling or sharing stories should attend this meeting.

Professional leaders will be present to furnish information and assistance.

Story telling books will be kept in the Coffee County Extension Library for club members to use if needed.

The club is sponsored by the Coffee County Story Telling Committee and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

The American Red Cross offering CPR course

The American Red Cross is offering CPR courses Aug. 20, 21 & 23 at 6 p.m. in the Red Cross classroom, Enterprise. Call Janet McCrummen at 347-2461 for more information or to register. The cost to attend all three classes is \$35.00.

The American Red Cross is offering a CPR Professional Instructor course August 25 & 26. Requirements for enrolling include having a current certification in CPR Professional to attend. The cost is \$100.00. Call 347-2461 to register. Deadline to register is August 17.

Parker Reunion to be held Saturday August 18th in New Brockton

The relatives and friends of Peter Parker, John Jackson Parker, and Marion Jackson Parker are invited to the Parker Family Reunion. The reunion will be held on Saturday, August 18th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Community Room, Coffee County Farm Center, New Brockton, AL. The community room is in the first brick building next to the large parking lot. All are asked to bring their favorite covered dish and beverage and join in the fellowship.

NEW ARRIVAL

EDWARD CASH BOREN



Edward Cash Boren

Edward Cash Boren was born on July 6, 2007 at Brookwood Hospital in Birmingham. He weighed 5 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 inches long. His parents are Monica Seal and Keith Boren. Grandparents are Bill and Debbie Seal. Baby Cash's hobbies include eating, sleeping, and playing with his cousins, Jake and Lane Seal. He also enjoys being spoiled and cuddled by his family and friends, who all love him very much.

Registrations for Girl Scouts being accepted

Girl Scouts of South Central Alabama, Inc. is now accepting registrations for the 2007/2008 Girl Scout year. Any girl age 5 to 17 is welcome to join. Registration events are scheduled at many of the schools, as well as at the recreation center in Enterprise. For a complete list of dates and locations, please call Debbie Kasper at (334) 347-1965.

Girls are placed in troops depending on availability and meeting dates and times. All the troops are led by trained volunteers. Currently there are about 10 troops in the Enterprise area. More are needed.

More adult leaders are needed. Training is available and hours are flexible. Anyone can become a volunteer.

For more information call 347-1965.

Deadline For Social

News Is Monday!

Fall registration is still underway at EOCC

Fall semester begins soon at Enterprise-Ozark Community College. Registration is still underway for classes which begin for the full-term and second mini-term on August 17. Late registration will continue through August 21. For more information about how to be admitted to the College, how to register for courses, or what courses are offered, go online at www.eocc.edu or call (334) 347-2623 at the Enterprise Campus, (334) 774-5113 at the Aviation Campus in Ozark, or (334) 598-3438 at the Fort Rucker Site.



Anna Harrison is member of Sigma Alpha Lambda

Sigma Alpha Lambda is proud to announce that Anna Marie Harrison of Elba, AL, has recently become recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, National Leadership and Honors Organization at the University of Alabama. Sigma Alpha Lambda is a national leadership and honors organization dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement and providing members with opportunities for community service, personal development, and lifelong professional fulfillment.

Anna is the daughter of Danny and Sherry Harrison.

Miss Coffee County Agriculture will represent Coffee County at various agricultural and community functions throughout the year to bring awareness to agriculture in our area and will represent Coffee County at the state level, competing for a \$2,000 scholarship and the use of a new car for 1 year.

During the eight-week training program, Brooks completed a rigorous training curriculum consisting of academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness, health and wellness. Brooks and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's core values — honor, respect and devotion to duty — and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Brooks will join 36,000 other men and women who comprise Coast Guard's force.

Men and women train together from the first day in the Coast Guard just as they do aboard ships and shore units throughout the world. To reinforce the team concept, Brooks, and other recruits were trained in preventing sexual harassment, drug and alcohol awareness, civil rights training, and the basics of the work-life balance, as well as total quality management. Brooks is a 2004 graduate of Elba High School of Elba, AL.



Left to right, Lisa Sharpless Chambliss, Pike Road, Ala.; Dale Newman Brannon, Greenville, Ala.; Beverly Jones Stabler and Barbara Findley Harrington of Montgomery enjoyed setting the agenda for the reunion.

Troy Kappa Delta Sorority members plan reunion

Recently several members of the Delta Delta Chapter (Troy University) of the Kappa Delta Social Sorority met at the home of Lisa Sharpless Chambliss in Pike Road, Alabama to plan a fall reunion.

The alumnae and collegiate members will hold a Tailgate Reunion on the campus of Troy University, Saturday, September 29, 2007 on the lawn of the KD house. The group will gather at 2:30 p.m., prior to the kick-off for the Trojan football game against Louisiana University-Monroe at 6 p.m.

To obtain more information contact Lindsey Hopper with the Troy Alumni Affairs office: 877.487.6978.

Coffee County's Miss Agriculture named on July 12

The interview process used to select Coffee County's Miss Agriculture was held on Thursday, July 12, 2007 at the Coffee County Farm Center. Contestants were judged on overall knowledge of agriculture and interview skills. Outgoing queen, Jennifer Insley, and Young Farmer's President, Andy Lavender crowned Miss Coffee County Agriculture at the Annual Farmers Federation Board Meeting held on Friday, July 13, 2007.

Miss Coffee County Agriculture for 2007-2008 is Kimberly Ann Henderson, an Enterprise native, attended Auburn University majoring in Agriculture Communications. First runner up is Whitney Donaldson from Enterprise and second runner up is Eric Lewis from Jack.

Miss Coffee County Agriculture will represent Coffee County at various agricultural and community functions throughout the year to bring awareness to agriculture in our area and will represent Coffee County at the state level, competing for a \$2,000 scholarship and the use of a new car for 1 year.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Round & About With Eria 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS 2:1-18

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: The Belcher Family, Rev. John L. Gray, Rev. Henry Shy Jr., Rev. Charles Lane, Bettye Burkes, Johnnie R. Belcher, Lovie Hooks, Anthony Kelley, Mittie J. Andrews

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Otis and Joyce Johnson- August 15 (Wedding Anniversary), Tito Carpenter- August 15, Ree Nita Brooks- August 17, Ronnie Hammonds- August 19, Mert Mincey- August 20 (In Memory Of), J.L. Williams- August 20, Chastity Williams- August 21

"The challenges of life tests our mettle and clarify our values. Suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character and character produces hope and hope does not disappoint us."

"Be not discouraged. There is a future for you — the resistance encountered now predicts hope — only as we rise do we encounter opposition."

"There is no future for a people who deny their past." Adam Clayton Powell

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria

Homecoming and 100th Anniversary Celebration planned at New Haven Baptist Church

Homecoming and 100th Anniversary Celebration will be held at New Haven Baptist Church Co. Rd. 410, Elba, AL On August 26, 2007 Morning

Shiloh Baptist Church to host gospel singing Saturday, August 18th

Shiloh Baptist Church will host a gospel singing on Saturday, August 18, 2007 beginning at 7 p.m. Featured will be the Rivertown Girls. Everyone is invited to attend.

Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church to have gospel singing

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 18, 2007 beginning at 7 p.m. The featured singers will be The Wilkerson Family, from Troy and The McPherson Family from Daphne, Ala.

For more information contact Gus Grant- (334) 897-6793 or 465-5555, or call Bill Daughtry- (334) 735-2010.

Annual Harvest Home Celebration planned for August 18th

Presiding Elder Willis N. Huggins has announced the Annual Harvest Home Celebration of the Ozark Troy District AME Churches, set for Saturday, August 18 at Hopewell AME Church in Brundidge. Ministers are asked to meet with the Presiding Elder at 9:00 a.m., followed by the business session and worship celebration at 10:00 a.m. The morning message will be delivered by the Reverend Warren David Anderson, Pastor of Mt. Zion AME Church in Louisville. Elder Huggins urges all district members to attend. The public is cordially invited to the worship celebration. For more information, call Elder Huggins at 334-445-4040.

Prayer Walk set at Coffee County Schools for Saturday, August 18

A Prayer Walk will be held at all Coffee County Schools (including all Enterprise and Elba City Schools and EOCC) on Saturday, August 18, 2007 from 9 a.m.-9:45 a.m. A parents' meeting (all parents and interested citizens) will be held at New Brockton High School beginning at 10:15 a.m. The program will be conducted by the Coffee County Sheriff's Office. It will be titled, "What's cooking in your neighborhood? Could it be Meth?" and other important issues our children face. Everyone who cares about the schools are invited to come and pray and to attend the meeting. The Prayer Walk is sponsored by Coffee County Baptist Women on Mission.

Greater Essence to present Back-In-School program Saturday, August 25

Greater Essence, an African-American Christian Women Society, will present the Back-In-School Program on Saturday, August 25 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium. All churches, schools and communities are invited to participate. Anyone who wishes to model a fashion or talent, is welcome. Dress is church or casual. Admission is free. For more information contact Allison Cole-897-6393, Lynell Edwards-897-1541, or Liz Wright-897-3439.

PASTOR'S CORNER Rev. Mart Gray, Pastor of Covenant Community Church

They are small, seemingly come from nowhere, and strike with a vengeance. Little fish who reside in a nearby lake had a field day over the weekend slipping up on the "humanside", pecking them in the back, on the ankle, on the shoulder, and then darting away before they could be spotted, much less caught. No, they left no physical marks. No small fish-teeth impressions. No bleeding sores... contrary to the paranoia about the possible piranha. But they did shake up the swimmers; enough that some simply had to get out of the water. The psychology of it all was just too overwhelming!

It's easy to climb up on the dock and get out of the water when the "attack of the little fish-ies" comes your way. Not so easy, though, is escaping the persistent and annoying pelts that life sometimes sends our way; those things that, like someone said about ghosts, "Can't hurt you, but sure can make you hurt yourself!" And it seems that, no matter how adept we become at dealing with the pesky annoyances of life, there is always another, new set waiting in the wings to attack us unaware and to drive us from our comfort zone.

I must confess that, on a routine basis, it is not the big fish of life that swallow me whole, but the little harmless ones that drive me to distraction, sapping my joy, shaking my nerve, and stirring my ire. To be sure, Job would not be impressed with my patience. And I imagine God frowns a bit, too, when "the children" allow their apple carts to be so easily toppled.

Psalms 46 offers this familiar advice, "Be still and know that I am God." Often we quote these words as a reference to preparing ourselves for worship or to making ourselves quiet in prayer. But sometimes, when life is pecking away at us, we need just to be still. To realize that most of the attacks are harmless and only serve as distractions, not true danger. Sure, dangers do lurk and some are very great. But most days it's not the sharks that do us in; most days it's the little fish-ies. "Be still. Be still. Be still...and know that I am God. Be still..."

Faith Assembly of God to hold revival services August 19-22

Faith Assembly of God, Enterprise, Alabama will hold revival services August 19-22, 2007. Sunday services will begin at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday services 6:00 or 8:00-8:30 p.m.

Cool Kids Community Day to be held at Covenant Community Church

Covenant Community Church will be hosting "Cool Kids Community Day" on Saturday, August 18th, and all area children in Grades K-6 are invited to participate. It's all about staying cool during these hottest days of summer, and there will be lots of cold water splashing everywhere. There will be an 18 foot tall splash down water slide, a super surf n'slide, a chilly penguin pool, water balloons, and a designated super soaker battle zone (bring your own soaker). Wear swim suit, put on sun screen, grab a towel, and head to Covenant from 10:00 to 12:00 Saturday morning for a fun time and all the ice pops a person can eat. Covenant Community Church is located at 2667 Hickman Avenue, across from the entrance to Elba City Schools. Call the church office at 897-2288 for more information.

Find the church of your choice this Sunday

Church Directory

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH Samsom, Ala. Rev. Richard Thorne, Sr. Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.	DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Hubert McWaters Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev. Andy Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.	MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION Mary Seavey Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.	NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Jerry Long, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Pastor Rev. Roy L. Turner Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.
ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Dale Morgan-Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.	Faith Chapel Community Church Phillip Nelson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	KINSTON 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.	NEW ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH Rev. & Linda Williams, Pastors Sunday... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Leland Flowers, Minister Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.	VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Dorcas Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.
BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Paulon Terrell Johnson Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Rex, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.	Friendship Holiness Ray Stinson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.	LIVING WORD CHURCH Dorcas Marler, Pastor Saturday... 9:45 a.m. Sunday... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.	NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST-ENTERPRISE W. K. Ellison, Pastor Morning... 10:00 a.m. Evening... 6:00 p.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.	OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.	VICTORY TABERNACLE Dorcas Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Rev. Billy Bold Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Rae Stallard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.	GODS POWER HOUSE Evangelistic Church Overseer... Rev. Billy Beasly Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.	LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.	NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.	PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Elmer Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.	WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Dr. James Pettit, Interim Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.
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BILL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sam Peem, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Rae Stallard, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.	HA WIL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Billie Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.	MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Richard B. Moss, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.	NEW BENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.	ROCKTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.	WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Don Polston, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.
BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Charles Parks Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.	ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Rev. Billy Beasly Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.	HARBOR BAPTIST CHURCH Lela Reynolds, Interim Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evens. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.	MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Larry Gidmon-Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.	NEW BENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.	SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. E. L. Flowers, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.	WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.
CHRISTIAN GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Martin Barner Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays... 10:00 a.m.	ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.	HERBON BAPTIST CHURCH Lela Reynolds, Interim Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Evens. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.	MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Larry Gidmon-Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.	NEW BENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.	SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. E. L. Flowers, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.	WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill, Minister Sunday School... 12:00 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays	ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.	INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD Wesley D. Ark, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.	MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Larry Gidmon-Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.	NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Gary Dunn, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.	SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. E. L. Flowers, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.	WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.
COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Gary Gentry, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Evening Service... 6:45 p.m. Bible Study... 10:00 a.m. Friday Prayer Meeting... 5:30 p.m.	ELBA 2nd BAPTIST CHURCH Larrell Martin, Pastor Sun School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.	INO BAPTIST CHURCH Gary Whinnant, Pastor Sunday School... 8:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.	MELBORE HHS CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Even. Service... 7:00 p.m.	NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Gary Dunn, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.	SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. E. L. Flowers, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.	WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.
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ESTATE OF Wendy Michelle White, Deceased.

PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY PC-07-038

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Vivian E. Green, Personal Representative on the 2nd day of August, 2007, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Vivian E. Green
Personal Representative

8/9, 16, 23-pd.

FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT OF COMPLETION

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In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Catrett Construction, Inc., contractor has completed the Contract for Construction, Reconstruction, Alteration, Equipment, or Improvements of Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL107-5 (New Office) at Elba for the Housing Authority of the City of Elba, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify The Architectural Office of William J. Peek, 908 S. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.

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CORRECTED NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

ALABAMA, COFFEE COUNTY ELBA DIVISION
Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jeffrey Hobbs and Suzanne Hobbs to American Mortgage Company, dated October 24, 2002, said mortgage being recorded in Book 65A, Page 574, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama (Elba Division). Said mortgage was last sold assigned and transferred to WM Specialty Mortgage LLC, Without Recourse, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Coffee County, Alabama (Elba Division), during the legal hours of sale, on August 23, 2007, the following real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot #6, Block "A", Northwest corner of Lot 7 Block "A" Northwest addition to Morrow subdivision PB 1 PG 3, thence Southerly 150.3' West 20' Northerly 145.5' East 25' to point of beginning.

Less and except: Beginning at Northwest corner of Lot 6 Block "A" to Northwest addition to Morrow Subdivision thence E 214.9' S 145.5' W 198' N 97' to point of beginning.

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Said property is commonly known as 1078 North Morrow Street, Elba, AL 36323. The indebtedness secured by said mortgage has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Mortgage and Note, including but not limited to the nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorney's fees and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Mortgage and Note.

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To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Jeffrey Hobbs and Suzanne Hobbs or tenant(s).

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It is the intent of the Alabama Legislature that schools and school systems involve the community in planning and implementing at-risk programs. Therefore, schools shall expend at least 20% of the at-risk funds to partner with non-profit community organizations in planning and implementing at-risk programs, which directly assist in improving academic performance. Such programs may include, but not be limited to, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA's, 21st Century Leadership, Pell City Bridge Builders, Alabama Young Farmers Education Program, and local civic and charitable organizations. It is the intent of the Legislature that these funds not be utilized to partner with governmental or quasi-governmental agencies and entities whose functions already include programs designated for at-risk funding. In appropriate situations, business as may partner with schools or school systems for at-risk programs but may not receive any compensation or reimbursement for expenses or other costs.

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SPORTS

Views From....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz girls moved into their new apartment in Troy over the weekend, and while they appeared to have everything in its place and be all settled in by the time we left Saturday night, I am not sure our dog will survive my frustrations over losing my girls. He will hop on the sofa and wait for the door to open until its time to go to bed, and then will check both their bedrooms before coming back into the den and waiting for me to let him out. I have never been crazy about the dog since he joined the family, but he is now on his own, and will have to be quick to avoid my kicks and throws as he depends on me to take care of him. Maybe the heat will break and I'll put him outside with the cats.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tigers are practicing early in the morning and late in the afternoon to avoid the hot weather, and after one week of work Coach Scott Rials is optimistic the Tigers are just about ready to take that next step and become a winning football team. Much of the optimism comes from the fact all the players are healthy and at practice every day, while another reason is the off-season program that resulted in most of the players getting faster and stronger. The Tigers will have to dodge the injury bug and be at full strength every game to be a factor this season on the region race. However, the Tigers and their coaches are excited and that means a lot. Hey, maybe this is the year we have been waiting for.

*** A look around the area brought mixed reviews as the teams all strapped on the pads and got down to serious work. Over at New Brockton, the Gamecocks are excited about the progress made in the off-season and are beaming over the fact the offensive line tips the scales at over 260 pounds per man. Down at Kinston, the Bulldogs are working hard and seem more determined than ever to prove to everyone they can indeed be a winning football team. Up at Zion Chapel, the Rebels are pushing around skidder tires to build extra strength and appear to be ready to make some noise in the 1A ranks despite being a little down in numbers. Across the river at Brantley, the Bulldogs' fans are convinced this team may be better than last season's powerhouse and with a line that weighs in at almost 280 pounds per man, the Bulldogs certainly know where the beef will be in '07.

*** The high school volleyball season is also right around the corner and for the first time in years all the teams in the county seem excited about the upcoming season. In Elba, the Lady Tigers lost only one starter off last year's area championship team and expect the wins to come early and often, while over at New Brockton, the Lady Gamecocks are optimistic, despite the loss of four seniors, that this will be the season they take home the area title. Zion Chapel returns its entire team, and the Lady Rebels only need a big shot of confidence to become a solid 1A team, while down in Kinston, the Lady Bulldogs are loaded again, and should be everyone's pick to bring home yet another state championship.

*** A check of college teams last week found Coach Saban looking the gates at Alabama, Coach Tuberville crying the blues at Auburn, and Coach Blakeney trying not to smile too broadly at Troy. Yep, college football already has the fans excited and the Bama fans and Auburn fans are almost in mid-season form. Ain't it fun to be a college fan this time of the year when you don't have to say anything - you can just stay quiet and let the other folks talk and let everyone know just what a fanatic they are.

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Area teams hard at work on court as high school volleyball season openers near

While hundreds of young men have been hard at work in recent weeks getting ready for the opening of the high school football season, girls all across the county, and the state, have also been hard at work in the gym as they prepare for the opening whistle that will mark the beginning of the prep volleyball campaign.

Following is a preview of this season's high school volleyball season for the teams in the county:

ELBA

LADY TIGERS

The Elba Lady Tigers claimed the area championship and advanced to the regional tournament last season in Coach Amanda Martin's first year at the Elba helm, and with the bulk of last season's team back on the court, hopes are high for even more success as the season opens.

Coach Martin stated the team will miss last season's MVP Melanie Mularz, but believes the Lady Tigers have depth and should be very competitive. Junior Shanika Pruitt is expected to fill in for Mularz at left hitter, and should team with junior Cynricka Dean to give Elba a solid front wall. A trio of seniors expected to take on big roles this season are LeAnna Henderson, Kayla Kyser and April Price.

Elba will open its season against Samson on August 23, and will compete against a schedule that includes area foes Pike County and Straughn, as well as prep powers Enterprise and Providence Christian. The Lady Tigers will compete at the Andalusia tournament and will also host a tournament.

"I tried to get the area schools on the schedule and other

schools that are about our own size," said Coach Martin. "This will enable us to be competitive and gain confidence. The key to success will be maintaining an excitement about playing volleyball and working together as a team."

ZION CHAPEL

LADY REBELS

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels will be looking to build on their success in previous years and advance to a new level this season as Coach Shasta Arnett begins her seventh season at the head of the team. The Lady Rebels placed second in the area and advanced to the regional tournament last season, and with no seniors on the team, it is easy to understand why the Lady Rebels and their fans are looking forward to the start of the season.

"Last season we would play well one match and poorly the next," said Coach Arnett, "and to be successful a team must be consistent on the court and play at a winning level every time it takes the court. This squad is very balanced and has no real player that stands out. They are a hustling team and are more ready to play than any team I have had here at Zion Chapel."

Zion Chapel attended a volleyball camp this summer at the University of Alabama, and Coach Arnett believes the camp helped the team understand the importance of consistent play. "We learned a lot at the camp and worked on defensive skills, passing techniques, agility drills and other aspects of the game that make a difference," added Arnett.

The Lady Rebels operate out of a 5-1 set, with one setter, and has been together since the seventh grade, another plus Coach

Arnett thinks should make a difference as the team competes in the area with St. Jude and Arion, and in the region with Kinston and Providence Christian.

"We have the skills and experience to play with any team on our schedule," added Coach Arnett, "the key will be consistency."

NEW BROCKTON

LADY GAMECOCKS

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks posted one of their best records in years last season, but will enter the '07 prep volleyball season determined to improve on that mark, and according to Coach Lougner Wyrosdick the goal this season is to "win the area."

The Lady Gamecocks lost four seniors in Elizabeth Howell, Vanna Marshall, Alexa Adams and Tori Stone, but Coach Wyrosdick stated the key to success will be "working as a team with no big I's and no little You's."

New Brockton will compete in a very tough area along with G.W. Long, Samson and Barbour County, and the Lady Gamecocks will have to settle in on a starting line-up soon to get ready for the grid.

Juniors Anna Beth Sawyer, Chelsea Smith and Chelsea Dempsey will battle for outside hitter position vacated by Adams, while sophomore Sarah Sims is also expected to compete for a spot on the court. Seniors on this year's team include Kurtie Stanton, Bethany Lott, Beth Vaughan and Shay Carpenter.

New Brockton will tip off the season at home on August 23, at 4:00, against Straughn, and will then travel across the county to compete in the Kinston Set-Off Tournament, on August 25.

KINSTON

LADY BULLDOGS

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs have been a dominating force in high school volleyball for over a decade, and with 10 seniors back from last season's state championship team, the Lady Bulldogs are expected to be right back at the top of the volleyball world this fall.

Kinston lost only one starter off last year's state championship team, and while departed Kaliegh Sanders was second in the team in kills and was an all-state selection, Coach Janie Wiggins feels her squad will be able to overcome the loss.

"We will move Deanna Manning from the middle to the outside," said Coach Wiggins, "and move Katie Motter to the outside position. We are going to be better than we were last season. We are going to miss Kaliegh, but the girls have all matured, and with a year under their belts, we just have to continue to improve and not be satisfied with what we have done in the past."

Expected to lead the Lady Bulldogs this season is 1A MVP Heather Marlowe, the setter in Kinston's 5-1 alignment, while Caitlin Tindell, an all-tournament pick a year ago at state, also returns.

Kinston will open the season on August 23 against Montgomery Academy, and will then host the Kinston Set-Off Tournament on August 25. Teams in the tournament will include Enterprise, Providence Christian, New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Samson, Andalusia and Opp. The Lady Bulldogs will compete in two tournaments in Montgomery, and in area play will meet Providence Christian, an Elite Eight performer last season.

At football drills

New Brockton and Zion Chapel putting in long hours

The high school football season is less than three weeks away, and despite the record heat wave that has grasped the Southeast, area teams have been hard at work in preseason drills as they try and prepare for the upcoming season.

Following is a look at the area teams and their preparations:

NEW BROCKTON

A total of 29 varsity players greeted second year Gamecock head coach Dirk Strunk last week for the opening of preseason drills, and Coach Strunk

hopes the team will be able to build on the momentum gained in summer camps and carry it over as the Gamecocks try to return to the state playoffs.

"The biggest positive for us this season is the whole package is in place," stated Strunk. "We have good team chemistry, everyone is on the same page as the coaches, and I believe the good first day will carry over and lead to many more good days for New Brockton Gamecock football."

Reserved seating now on sale for Elba Tiger home games

Elba Tiger Football supporters who purchase reserved seating annually for the home games have until Friday, Aug. 24, to renew their seats for the 2007 football season. In order to maintain the priority option on a year-to-year basis, the renewal must be completed by this date.

Reserved seating tickets not purchased by Friday, Aug. 24, will go on sale to the public at that time.

Reserved parking at the stadium may also be renewed at the time of the ticket purchase.

There will be six home games during the 2007 football season.

Silver Wings to host golf tourney Aug. 31

The Coffee Baptist Association Golf Tournament is planned for August 31, 2007 at the Silver Wings Golf Course, Ft. Rucker, AL.

Registration starts at 11:00 a.m. and the Tournament begins at 1:00 p.m. 4 persons per team. For more information call 894-6411.

PRESEASON FOOTBALL

Friday, Aug. 24th
Tiger Stadium

GOSHEN @ ELBA

Seven seniors will help anchor the success of the Gamecocks this season, with one valuable addition, in Cedric Gibson, a 270-pounder from Enterprise. The addition of the transfer will give the Gamecocks one of their biggest lines ever, expected to weigh in at over 260 pounds per man.

ZION CHAPEL

The Zion Chapel Rebels lost 12 seniors off last season's team that stumbled to a 3-7 record, but new head coach Thomas Boswell greeted 26 varsity players to the first day of preseason practice last week, and hopes

are high the Rebels will make a quick return to the post-season party.

"We have had 16-18 players at workouts every day," stated Coach Boswell. "Our players here at Zion Chapel have always had a solid work ethic and love the game. We just have to find folks to fill in a lot of holes in a hurry."

Blake Little (225) and Logan Carley (235) are back to anchor the line, while Joey Jones (210) will be a force to reckon with at linebacker and at fullback. Others expected to carry big loads on offense will be Luke Peters and Gatlin Carley.

Geneva to host benefit golf tournament on Sept. 8

The Wiregrass Area Organization Annual Benefit Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 8th at the River Oaks Golf Course in Geneva.

This is a 3-person scramble and 18-hole play. There will be awards for the top three teams, door prizes, and take-home goods. Tee time is 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$50 per person, including green fees, cart, one mulligan, and lunch.

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SPORTS



OFF TO WORK WE GO... Members of the Elba Tiger line carry the blocking sled as they prepare to get to work at a recent practice.

(Mike Capps photo)

Elba Tigers hit the field twice a day in an attempt to beat the heat in preseason football drills

The Elba Tigers completed their first official week of preseason football practice last week and Coach Scott Rials reported that despite the heat the Tigers reported ready to work and determined to be a contender in the region standings. "We had to make an adjustment the very first day due to the heat," stated the third year Elba coach. "We went out at 5:30 in the morning to beat the heat, then went out again at 6:30 in the afternoon. It was still in the 100's at the late practice, but at least it wasn't as bad as it would have been if we had gone out right after school. It is just so hot the players get drained and it limits what you can do. It is hot for everyone, however, and we will have to get used to it as the season draws closer."

Rials reported the Tigers used their three days in shorts to cover the kicking game and work on timing on offense. "We did a lot of work in the kicking game and we feel pretty good about it after just one week of work," added Rials. "We haven't worked all that much on putting in our offense and defense, but that was covered in the spring, and most of the players have been to camps this summer to perfect their individual skills. We are ahead of where we were last season and have a little more maturity. That should help as we prepare to enter the season."

Handling the kicking chores for Elba in preseason drills has been Richard Cooks, a former Elba student that transferred back from Daleville. Cooks, a sophomore, is expected to handle the place kicking and kickoff chores.

"Last season we were inexperienced and very young at several positions," said Rials. "This season those players have a year under their belts and know what varsity football is all about. The players worked hard during the summer in the weight room and on the field, and we are all excited about the beginning of the season. We have the same regular season schedule we had last season and will face Goshen in a preseason game. So, there are no easy wins to be found. That is okay with us, because we are determined to win the old fashioned way - with hard work and dedication."

Elba will kick off football action on Friday, August 24, with a preseason contest against Goshen, then will open the regular season against the Brantley Bulldogs. Both games will begin at 7 P.M. at Tiger Stadium, on the campus of Elba High School.



KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL... An Elba Tiger receiver keeps his eye on the ball as he pulls in a pass during a preseason drill.

(Mike Capps photo)

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Prevent your pup from chasing deer

Urban sprawl continues to encroach into what was once wilderness or agricultural lands. This suburbanization of America has increased the frequency of wild animal-human conflict and domestic pet-wild animal conflict. One of the most common wildlife-pet conflicts in Alabama occurs when the family dog becomes a deer chaser. Many fawn deaths are attributed to free ranging domestic dogs each year.

But we shouldn't judge the dog too harshly, as no animal has a more enticing odor to a dog than a deer. Most dogs have a scent trailing instinct to begin with. Add to this natural instinct the strong odor of the white tail, and you have a temptation many dogs can't resist.

Many neighborhood dogs will "pack up" at night and chase deer. Often the owner has not the slightest clue that their dog is a deer chaser. Dogs chasing deer can lead to hostilities between pet owners, hunting clubs and landowners. Dogs that chase and kill deer often develop a taste for smaller domestic livestock such as sheep, goats, and turkeys as well.

Just as with most bad habits, prevention is easier than a cure. A coon hunter relayed to me a method he uses to train pups to avoid deer scent. This method can be used on any dog in the backyard. An electric fence charger, a length of electric fence wire, a few insulators and a deer gland is all you need to prevent a pup from developing the deer chasing habit.

If you are not a deer hunter, have a friend or a deer processor save the scent glands found on the inside of a deer's leg near the knee. It can be frozen in water for later use. Next, wrap a few coils of electric fence or copper wire around the gland and run the wire through an insulator back to the fence charger and let the gland hang about eye level to the pup. A simpler way would be to get a farmer to let you simply attach the wire containing the gland to an already erected electric fence. According to my coo-hunting friend, this training should take place between 3 and 5 months of age.

One the gland is attached to the wire, the pup should be put in the general area and you should get out of site so the pup won't associate the mild shock with you. The pup will soon get a whiff of the pungent odor and investigate. When he grabs the gland, he will quickly decide it is something he doesn't want. The shock from a properly working fence charger will only cause a momentary discomfort and will not harm the pup. Allowing Rover to chase deer may eventually get him killed. A mild shock at an early age is the best alternative.

Landmark Park series on science to continue

Landmark Park's annual "Science on Saturday" series began on Saturday, August 4 with a variety of family-oriented presentations on science related topics. Programs will be offered each Saturday at 10 a.m. during the month of August. All programs are free with paid admission to the park. Space is limited so reservations are requested and can be made by calling the park office at 334-794-3452.

Aug. 20 - Archaeology 101: People have inhabited the Wiregrass Region for thousands of years, and the material culture left behind in the form of artifacts are the best clues to piecing together the puzzle of ancient activity. Justin Stuckler, owner of Wiregrass Archaeological Consulting will discuss what an archaeologist does and give a brief history overview of the prehistory and history of the Wiregrass Region. Also during this time will be an opportunity to look at and handle a sample of artifacts found in this area.

CPR courses to be held Aug. 20-23 at Red Cross office

The American Red Cross is offering CPR courses Aug. 20-21 & 23 at 6 p.m. in the Red Cross classroom, Enterprise. Call Janet McCrummen at 347-2461 for more information or to register. The cost to attend all three classes is \$35.00. attend.

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U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions introduces bill to help drought stricken farmers construct water reservoirs

Alabama farmers wanting to capture winter rainfall to irrigate fields and pastures during dry summer months would be eligible for federal assistance to construct water reservoirs under legislation introduced yesterday by U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions.

The bill, the Regional Ground and Surface Water Enhancement Program Act of 2007, would authorize the United States Department of Agriculture to provide \$100 million in grants each year to agricultural producers to assist in the construction of collection ponds and irrigation systems to improve water quantity and quality.

Sessions introduced the bill at a time when many farmers in the Southeast are suffering through one of the worst droughts in memory.

"I have toured the state and seen firsthand the devastation that the recent drought has wrought on our farms and grazing lands. Some of the crop loss could have been avoided if more farmers had the infrastructure necessary to capture rain during the rainy season and bank it for later use," Sessions said. "We have gotten in the habit of passing agricultural disaster aid each year. Certainly, there are times when that is warranted, such as during this devastating drought. The better, long-term solution is to enable our farmers to capture precipitation in the rainy months, providing irrigation throughout the year and mitigating crop damage during times of drought."

Under the legislation, federal grants would be awarded nationally on a competitive basis, with a priority given to those projects that would result in a savings of ground or surface water on agricultural lands. In addition to individual producers, multiple entities, including state and local governments, could partner together to apply for grant funding under the bill.

The grant program would be part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, but would be administered at the national level by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The construction of water reservoirs would also facilitate the growth of energy crops such as corn and soybeans, which are critical to the development of America's renewable energy industry.

"As we look to the agriculture sector to assist our efforts to reduce our dependence on foreign energy, it will be critical that southeastern farmers have access to modern irrigation systems. Proper irrigation is essential in order to increase crop yields and meet our growing demand for biofuels," said Sessions, a member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Rep. Terry Everett introduced a similar measure in the U.S. House of Representatives. That measure was adopted as part of a comprehensive farm bill which passed the House last month.

Troy University has been listed among the most affordable online degree institutions by GetEducated.com.

The national affordability ranking places the University's eCampus among the best for bachelors degrees in both social sciences and criminal justice.

"We are excited about the rankings. In addition to being recognized for being a 'best buy,' TROY's online students have the added value of working with excellent TROY faculty members in their courses and dealing with a staff that cares about them achieving their individual educational goals," said Dr. Deb Gearhart, director of eCampus.

GetEducated.com analysts rank, rate and compare distance-learning degrees nationwide and help protect consumers against online degree fraud and diploma mills.

The eCampus ranks seventh on the "Best Buy" list for its bachelors degrees in psychology and social science, and ranks third on the "Best Buy" list for its justice studies undergraduate degree.

"Hundreds of colleges now offer online degrees," said GetEducated.com chief analyst Vicky Phillips, "but most public institutions charge a premium to out of state applicants. What's laudable about Troy is that their international eCampus charges a flat rate tuition making e-learning a reasonable alternative, indeed a bargain, for residents across the USA."

Report from Coffee County Sheriff's Department shows lots of activity during six-month period

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department released a report this week reflecting the amount of work being done by members of the department.

The administration of Sheriff Dave Sutton went to work in January of this year, and according to Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth, the department officials have been very busy since taking office.

The report released by the sheriff's department gave figures from January through June of this year. During that time, Whitworth said the jail has averaged 153 inmates per day with a (full) capacity of 126 inmates.

Whitworth said the department has received 5,740 civil papers and served 5,498 papers. Also, he said the department received 1,515 warrants during this time frame and served 1,677. Some of the warrants served included leftovers from the previous administration.

According to Whitworth, the department also has been kept busy filing reports. I/O reports filed from January-June included: nine for attempted murder, three for disorderly conduct, four for receiving stolen property, one for arson, two for unlawful breaking and entering, six for reckless endangerment, 17 for harassing communications, three for criminal littering, five for offender, seven for dog attacks, one for carrying a concealed weapon, one for possession of a

short barrel shotgun, one for rape, one for sexual abuse, three for sodomy, three for child custody, five for gas drive-offs, two for public intoxication, 32 for criminal mischief, 15 for promoting prison contraband, six for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, one for cruelty to animals, 51 for domestic violence, 10 for missing person, one for assault on a police officer, one for a helicopter crash, one for a phone scam, four for possession of a forged instrument, five for burglary, 29 incidents, 34 for harassment, two for menacing, two for driving under the influence, three for a welfare check, one for a house fire, two for a vehicle fire, three for found property, one for CHINS, three for livestock running at large, three for obstructing governmental operations, one terrorist threat, one for violation of a protection order, three for fugitive from justice, two for failure to possess a felon card, 55 for theft of property, 24 for criminal trespassing, one for resisting arrest, nine for manufacturing, 13 for distribution, three for chemical endangerment of a child, three for trafficking, 28 for possession of marijuana, 26 for possession of a controlled substance, 24 for possession of drug paraphernalia and four for unlawful sale near a school.

Arrest reports also have been plentiful during the six-month period. According to

Various Classes Offered at EOCC:

Pottery Class Offered At Enterprise-Ozark Community College.The Enterprise campus of Enterprise-Ozark Community College will be offering pottery classes during Fall Semester. This class is designed for adults who have had no experience with clay and for those who have worked with clay in the past. Students who have been enrolled in previous Pottery Shoppe classes will be able to learn new techniques. Each student will complete at least one piece of HAND-BUILT pottery and must purchase clay and tools for \$20 at the first class session. Classes will be held on Monday nights for six weeks beginning August 28. The cost for the course is \$40. For more information or to register, please call (334) 347-2623, ext. 2336.

Community Chorus Offered At Enterprise-Ozark Community College.The Enterprise Campus of Enterprise-Ozark Community College invites the public to join the Community Chorus. Many singers in the community have said they have longed for this wonderful opportunity to join others in rehearsing and presenting a masterwork of choral literature. Please join us! Classes will be held Monday nights August 20 until December 3. The cost for the course is \$50. For more information, please call 347-2623, ext. 2336.

Sign Language Offered At Enterprise-Ozark Community College.The Enterprise Campus of Enterprise-Ozark Community College will be offering a Beginning Sign Language course for people with little or no experience signing. At the conclusion of the class students should be able to participate in simple conversation using sign language. Classes will be held on Thursday nights for 6 weeks from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. beginning August 16. The cost for the course is \$65. For more information, please call 347-2623, ext. 2336.

Leisure Swimming At Enterprise-Ozark Community College.Leisure Swimming is an opportunity for individuals or family members to maintain fitness through swimming. Open only to people who already have swimming skills. The pool will be available for approximately 20 hours per week. Individual fees - \$50; family membership fees - \$65. NO REGISTRATION DEADLINE. For more information or to register, please call (334) 347-2623, ext. 2336.

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Vandalism photos (continued from Page 1)

As indicated by the photos, a great deal of damage was caused at the Old Town and Teel cemeteries, located at the end of County Road 456 south of the Perry's Store community in rural Coffee County. Headstones were turned over, broken and/or both. Also, wooden crosses used to mark unknown gravesites were pulled from the ground and moved elsewhere (many up against the fence surrounding the cemeteries).

Family members with relatives buried in the cemeteries may want to visit the area to determine if the grave of their loved one was damaged. The Coffee County Sheriff's Department has been investigating the incident and feel certain those responsible have been identified.

Now, the focus turns to getting the markers fixed and/or replaced. Anyone with additional information regarding this incident should contact the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.



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NEW MEMBER...During the regular meeting Tuesday, Aug. 7, of the Elba Rotary Club, David Dorsey was inducted as a new member. Dorsey serves as plant manager of the Dorsey Trailers facility in Elba which was recently reopened by new owner Pitts Enterprises. Dorsey's membership to the club was sponsored by Rotarian Kaye Whitworth. Those pictured above include (from left): Tonya Jones, Elba Rotary Club vice president; Kaye Whitworth; David Dorsey; and Keith Reigle, Elba Rotary Club president.

Elba Elementary School Menu

August 20-24, 2007

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Breakfast Bagel, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Steak Sandwich, New Potatoes, California Vegetables, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Tuesday - French Toast Sticks, w/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Hot Dog, Tater Tots, Field Peas, Cookie, Milk
Wednesday - Cinnamon Toast, Bacon, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Ground Beef w/Noodles, Buttered Carrots, Green Beans, Crackers, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit/Jelly, Sausage, Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Nachos, Green Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Baked Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Banana, Milk

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